

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES TO NCCAOM ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING EXAMINATION(S)

Beginning with the October 2006 administration, the NCCAOM offered the examination(s) in a computerized format only. All candidates are being required to take the examination(s) using the computerized format. The traditional paper and pencil administration is no longer being offered.

Effective on February 15, 2007 NCCAOM will offer testing on a year-round basis.

HAWAII BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE (“BOARD”) EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Hawaii law requires all applicants for acupuncture license to pass the National Certification Commission on Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine’s (“NCCAOM”) Acupuncture Comprehensive Written Examination (“CWE”) or its equivalent. The examination was formerly called the NCCA examination.

In June 2004, the NCCAOM changed the examination format to a modular format. Under the modular format, the following modules are equivalent to the CWE:

Foundations of Oriental Medicine Module (“FOMM”)
Acupuncture Module (“AM”).

Applicants who have already taken and passed the CWE are **not required to take any additional examination(s)**. Applicants who have already taken and passed the FOMM and AM examinations do not have to take the examinations again. You must, however, submit a request to NCCAOM and ask NCCAOM to give written verification to Hawaii that you passed the CWE or the equivalent modules. The NCCAOM written verification must be sent **directly** to the BOARD. NOTE: if you took the examination through another state licensing board, you may have that board submit written verification to Hawaii that you passed the CWE or equivalent modules.

EXAMINATION APPLICATION DEADLINE

In order to receive BOARD approval to take the examination, your application must be received and be ***complete***, with all required documents and the application fee (\$50.00) at least two (2) weeks before a BOARD meeting date. Apply early and avoid processing delays.

REGISTERING FOR THE EXAMINATION(S) AS A HAWAII LICENSE CANDIDATE APPLYING THROUGH THE BOARD

After the BOARD approves your Application for Examination and License, the BOARD will send you a written notice, in the mail, that you have met Hawaii’s requirements and are eligible to sit for the examination(s). At the same time, the BOARD will send the NCCAOM a written notice that you are

eligible to take the examination. After that, NCCAOM will send you written notice about the examination, the fees you owe and any other important information you need to know about the examination(s).

After you receive an *Authorization to Test Letter* from NCCAOM, you must register for the examination directly with Pearson Vue, the NCCAOM's testing company. Pearson Vue has more than 250 test sites across North America and abroad. The *Authorization to Test Letter* will contain the information you will need to contact Pearson Vue.

REGISTERING FOR THE EXAMINATION(S) **DIRECTLY WITH NCCAOM**

Applicants for Hawaii license **ARE NOT** required to take the examination(s) through the BOARD. You may apply directly with NCCAOM to take the examination(s). For information about NCCAOM's procedure contact:

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Alexandria, VA 22314
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Fax: (703) 548-9079
Email: Info@nccaom.org
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EXAMINATION FEES

The NCCAOM charges the following fees for examination candidates who are not seeking NCCAOM certification:

FOMM	-	\$500.00
AM	-	\$420.00

NOTE: you will pay these fees directly to Pearson Vue. These fees are in addition to the application fee that you must pay when you submit your application to the BOARD. Also, after you have passed the examinations(s) the BOARD will notify you about the state licensing fees that you must pay.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAMINATION(S)

The NCCAOM examinations are administered in English, in Chinese, and in Korean. The English versions will be given year-round. The Chinese and Korean versions will be offered during a two-week window in October every year (NCCAOM will announce the dates as October approaches). Be sure to specify, on your application, what language you want to take the exam in. NOTE: NCCAOM may charge you an additional fee to take the examination(s) in a foreign language.